

**UPC STUDENT EIGHT-BALL POOL HOME
INTERNATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS 2015-2016
(INCORPORATING THE BUCS HOME NATIONS)**

NOMINATION INFORMATION SHEET GUIDANCE NOTES

- Each institution may nominate as many players as they deem worthy of selection. However, we would ask that English institutions (where the number of potential players is vast) exercise some quality control by only nominating players you feel have a realistic chance of making the team.
- Players will trial to represent the country in which they are currently studying irrespective of their nationality.
- Nominated players and nominated players only will have their performances at the BUCS-UPC Eight-ball Pool Championships (and the SSI-UPC Eight-ball Pool Championships for players studying at Northern Irish institutions) monitored and such performances will be used to determine selection for trial. Therefore please ensure that all potential representative players are nominated.
- “Eight-ball Pool Championships” also includes Trophy, Shield (or “Intermediate”) and Vase levels. Players whose teams are participating at Trophy, Shield and Vase levels should also be nominated if deemed of sufficient standard.
- It may be possible for players unable to take part in the Eight-ball Pool Championships to gain a trial place. Such players must communicate the reasons for not attending the Championships, such reasons must be genuinely exceptional and be accompanied by supporting evidence. Such players will be judged on the information provided on the nomination form.
- Nominated players must conform to the eligibility criteria (below/overleaf).
- Ensure the form is filled out **in full** so that trialists can be contacted without delay.
- The player must submit the completed Nomination Information Sheet to his institution's Athletic Union/Students' Union for inputting into the “BUCScore” online entry portal.
- By inputting into BUCScore, the Athletic Union/Students' Union confirms that it is content for the player to take part and that the player meets the eligibility criteria to participate. By indicating that the institution agrees to financially support the nominee in the BUCS-UPC representative programme the Athletic Union/Students' Union confirms that the institution is willing to financially support the player either in FULL OR PART. Maximum costs, including trials, are estimated at £160 excluding travel. Athletic Unions/Students' Unions must ensure such authorisation is valid prior to submission. If there are any difficulties please contact the Tournament Director immediately via jon.shapland@upc-pool.org.uk
- On being offered a trial place a player must lodge a refundable bond of £50.00/€65.00 with UPC. The bond can **only** be lodged by personal cheque/bank transfer/PayPal – cheques/bank transfers/PayPal from institutions will **not** be accepted. Should a player fail to progress through the trial the bond will be refunded. The bond of successful trialists will be held over to the Student Eight-ball Home International Championships and be governed by the rules of that competition. Players failing to attend the trial will forfeit their bonds.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

8.1 Eligibility to compete

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To be eligible to compete in any competitions organised by the UPC players must fulfil the eligibility criteria of British Universities and Colleges Sport and/or Student Sport Ireland as specified in the relevant competition regulations.

8.1.2 Proof of Eligibility

Proof of student status will be required at the registration for a competition. This will normally require a student card issued by the authorities of that institution bearing the name, student number and photograph of the student. The card must also have a date of validity or expiry date. Undergraduate students who are not full-time should also provide a letter from their head of department or the university registrar detailing the number of credits they are undertaking in the current academic year. Postgraduate students require a similar letter stating that they are undertaking a programme of study no less than fifty percent of the full-time student programme in accordance with 8.1.1 above. Should the card not bear a photograph of the student photographic proof of identity shall require a legal document such as a passport or photographic driving licence. Should the card not have a validity or expiry date a letter will be required from the university registrar confirming that the person is a current internally registered student.

The burden of proof shall fall on the individual to prove their eligibility to compete.

Any queries on eligibility must be made to the UPC in advance. The decisions of the UPC in this case are final.

Players who have been registered at an event are normally deemed to have had their eligibility confirmed by that fact. However, the UPC reserves the right to investigate any eligibility queries that are lodged after the fact and, if proof be strong, the Tournament Director shall be able to impose an interim suspension on any player whose eligibility is called into question during an event.

8.1.3 Eligibility of institutions

Eligible institutions are those in membership of the British Universities and Colleges Sport (BUCS) and/or Student Sport Ireland as detailed in the relevant competition regulations.